

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1784

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring a cleanup of Brownfield sites taken by eminent domain.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven M. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1767 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT REQUIRING A CLEANUP OF BROWNFIELD SITES TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 5C the following section:-

3 Chapter 79: Section 5D. Brownfields.

4 Section 5D. If a parcel of land taken by eminent domain is considered a brownfields project site, as  
5 defined in Chapter 23G, Section 29A, the original owner of the land is responsible for environmental  
6 cleanup action and environmental site assessment, also defined in Chapter 23G, Section 29A.